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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Address to: Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket	IRVN-007CIP2 (UC 96-367-4)
	First Named Inventor	Gatanaga, et al.
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	Group Art Unit	N/A
	Examiner Name	N/A
	Title	Factors Affecting Tumor Necrosis factor Receptor Releasing Enzyme Activity

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims:

Cancel claims 1-36 without prejudice.

Add the following new claims:

-- 37. (New) An isolated polypeptide having at least one of the following properties:

a) the polypeptide comprises at least 10 consecutive amino acid residues encoded in any of SEQ

NOs: 8, 9, 1-3, 5-6, or 10; or

b) the polypeptide comprises at least 15 consecutive amino acids that are at least 80% identical to a sequence encoded in any of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 9, 1-3, 5-6, or 10.